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Dear Dr. de Bruyn:

Thank you for your letter of January 12. I was extremely gratified by the interest and confidence that led you to make the invitation.

Unfortunately, I am unable to consider the project that you propose at the present time since within the last few weeks I have signed a contract with another publisher for a book along rather similar lines.

I agree that monographs along the lines of the indicated series are badly needed, and I wish you every success for the series. I trust that every effort will be made to minimize the price and maximize the distribution. The objectives that you stated are precisely those that I had in mind for my own short monograph. I am sure that your book will be an outstanding success.

Yours sincerely,

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Professor of Genetics

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